Recd Rome Febr 8th
Jany — 14th

Egypt

Assouan (Syene) Jany 14, 1869.

Dear Engelmann

Your welcome favor of Dec. 12, overtook us at Luxor (Thebes), where we passed half a day — & just took a look at the grand ruins — reserving all till we return, & pressed on up the Nile. To-morrow we hope to get up the rapids "Cataract", & then there is Philae & Aboo Simbel as 1st Class lions. Sometime in March we hope to be in Italy. Best let me find a letter

Maquay
at **Maguin, Pakenham & Hooker's**; the correspondents of our bankers the Barings. Egypt is too long a story to write about — must leave it till we meet, only saying that we enjoy it, and that Mrs. Gray is gaining strength & a little flesh, and we are hopeful. No botany to

write about. Durand went back to Philada, before we got to Paris. I get no letters from Brewer, nor any one now, except Wright.

Tell me what botanists I am to look up in Italy. I have corresponded only with Parlatore & Caruel.

If you get this in time for a letter to find me at Cairo — I think you may say as late as March 6 or 10, write there to care of Bankers, Tod Rathbone & Co. — or if a little later to Hon. G. Hale. U.S. Consul General, Alexandria.

I suppose we shall be till about May in Italy, taking Naples early & N. Italy latest, getting letters mainly at Rome.

Ever Yours — with best regards & Mrs. Gray's love to Mrs. Engelmann

Sincerely Yours

Asa Gray

Rec.d Nancy April 29d
ans Frankf May 14

Postmark Apr 22d

Rome [Care Maquay, Pakenham
& Hooker] April 20. 1869.

My Dear Engelmann.

I am remiss, no doubt: but I am a horrid correspondent when travelling. I have been here 5 or 6 days, but delayed to write you till I should see Rolli, This I did early this morning, and then this evening came yours of April 15. And now I write without more delay.

Well, I found Rolli sniffing with a catarrh, and disposed to keep the house. Telling him your request, he said that the Cephalotaxus on the Pincian had flowered sometime ago, and in bad, wet weather, and had dropped its flowers & set no fruit. So that nothing is to be had. He did not seem inclined to exert himself on my account. So I told him that I would do myself the honor to call again in a week, to see if he had recovered. I took him a card from Dr. Profr. Naleri, as well as your message.

Well, we must arrange to meet, not only for companionship-sake, but I want to consult you about Mrs. Gray, — who suffered a good deal in crossing back over the Mediterranean, and has been unwell ever since — with an obstinate sort of diarrhœa, — which, tho', checked at times, hangs about her, and wears her down. I have called in Dr. Valeri, but his infusion of Ipecac &c. taken for 4 days, did no good, and now he is giving turpentine in mucilage of gum-arabic, — a thing I never heard of before!

News from home nothing to speak of. Long since I heard from Wright, or Torrey. The latter wrote me of the plan which provides for Parry; gift of Smithsonian herbm to the Agricultural Department at W. — who provide for it out of Govt. funds, and appoint Parry as Curator. Good idea. I had a letter from Canby, but no news.

When did I write you last? Any way the whole story of Egypt must be reserved till we meet. Also of nasty voyage to Messina — of detention there — giving a chance to visit Taormina and Catania, but not Palermo: no rail-road thither — of a fortnight at Naples & environs, where we were joined by our companions for the summer, my wife's niece, Kitty Loring, & cousin Miss Putnam; so that we saw sights with vigor, while Mrs. Gray stayed at home, poor thing, — as far as Pæstum, as well as Amalfi. — up Vesuvius, Camaldoli, &c. &c. — —

Cesati is a trump, the nicest of good fellows. Nisson gave permit for Villa Floridiana, and advised also to see Rocca Matilda, as the only two I should care for: both characteristic places.—

Here we are in the usual round. At Naples & here thus far, a fair proportion of good weather,— but not the dry, warm, fine air of Egypt.

Our movements onward depend so much on circumstances & Mrs. G. that I can't make plan of time or particular route yet. But, in S. Germany we shall move the reverse of you; viz. Vienna, Prague, Dresden, Berlin; and we expect to be at Vienna, say the last week in May or 1st of June. We will communicate frequently as we draw near each other, and have some time together— for which I will stop or hurry on, as we find will best serve the purpose. I suppose either Vienna or Dresden will be the point. We shall be here a fortnight yet, unless Mrs. G. either gets better fast, or I conclude that Rome air is not good. Our next point—for a week— is Florence (letters to Magnay & Pakenham). At Vienna— the Anglo-Austrian Bank. Soon I will give further particulars.

Yes, let Bossange retain those packages till I reach Paris. I can't recall or say whose they are. If in your way, would you remind Bossange

of them, and to keep them till I come.
They must have come from me, somehow,
having Wright's Cuban plants among them.
My wife joins, and sends affectionate remembrances to you & Mrs. Engelmann.

Nothing from Madame Endl.

Adieu, for the present.

Ever Yours A Gray

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Recd Berlin Jun 15
Ans — Jun 16

Hotel Bellevue!
Dresden, June 13, 1869

My Dear Engelmann

We reached here yesterday evening, your letter this morning.

It gave me a pang to cut off Berlin on the one hand (and with it Halle, Gottingen and all N. Germany) and Vienna on the other. But, having seen clearly that the sacrifice was necessary, and strained my mind up to making it, I think I must not undo piecemeal the thing that I had determined on as a whole. As it is I shall have Reichenbach & Grisebach and others down upon me — all the more if I go to Berlin — where I can do either nothing or a good week's work, for do nothing would be too bad — to do a week's work over Willdenowian & Chamissoan plants would derange all else. So — with love & deep regrets to

Good Brain, I must not go to Berlin.

Now, we should be glad to see you here. But I doubt whether you ought to make the effort for so brief a satisfaction to us or even yourself. Shall you not be in Switzerland and over-take us at Geneva? [Oh, I see, not at all] At any rate we shall be together all September at Kew; for I have the required leave, and expect to pass all that month there!

Then, as to Mrs. Gray's health, It is frail,—but not growing any worse, and I believe there is nothing to be done. Moreover, Dr. M. Wyman is probably now on the way across the Atlantic, to join his wife & the in Switzer-land — where we may soon see him. ~~That is to~~

I'll tell you what our plans are, at present —

To stay there till Friday noon, the 18th — Mrs. G. to be very quiet, as she cares mainly to see the Gallery & enjoy it leisurely. On Tuesday, I, — with the young ladies go up to Freiberg to visit the celebrated Mining School, &c — and on return, next day, to see the Forst-Akademie at Tharand,

Friday night, all to Teplitz, — to pass 2 days with a friend — the Sunday's rest. Monday to Prague. Tuesday to Regensburg, Wednesday or Thursday to Munich. & Saturday evening to be at Ragatz (or Pfeffers), where we will meet Mrs. Gray's brother — Soon after at least Mrs. G. and I will be settled for a while at Geneva — To please the young ladies, we will go to Paris by way of the Rhine down to Cologne — & Aix. A short stay in Paris — a later one in October — when it is cold & dreary at Kew. Home in November.

Eichler — at my suggestion — wants you to do Cactaceae for Fl. Bras. It pays something. Do it at Kew.

The parcel I have for you from Caruel, & a little one for Braun, I will send by post unless you come on — to find us here Wednesday night or Thursday morning.

In greatest haste

Ever dear E.

Yours A Gray

Recd Berlin June 18th
ans — July 2d

Dresden 17th June, 1869

Dear Engelmann

You are right! We do "tack", & girare around largely, — and it is true that I shall get few leisure moments till we reach Paris, or even Kew. I long to be there, and there we can meet, and talk in full.

Before we left home we invited a niece of Mrs. Gray's to join us for this summer, — & a cousin came too — and we are bound to run round for their delight rather than for our own. I would prefer something else — and I doubt if Mrs. G. would not be better for more stationary life — tho' she bears rail-way travelling pretty well

Our going to Paris via Rhine is not certain, but most likely. I will let you know in time, by a letter to your brother's care.

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Now, I shall write too to Eichler's care
in Frankfort. Should you be
likely to be at Creuznach?

Write me to DeCandolle's Care,
at Geneva.

I sent the parcel to you
at Hotel de l'Union, Berlin —
as there was a little one for
Braun.

Hoping for a good time
together at Kew — & love from Mrs
Gray to Mrs. Engelmann —
Ever Yours A. Gray

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Rec'd July 18) Wien
Ans'd " 30

Hotel Byron, Villeneuve
July 15. 1869

My Dear Engelmann

My last from you is of July 2d, from Berlin. As I reached Geneva on the 3d, I ought to have written to you sooner. But you know my weakness when travelling. From where did I write last? Perhaps I had best start from Dresden. Thence we went to Teplitz — passed Sunday there with a couple of Egyptian friends. Then to Prag. — (Looked up a few ~~[illegible]~~ of Sternberg's Ly) thence in one day to Regensburg — next day afternoon to Munich where we passed only one night — saw Eichler, — went next evening to Augsburg again to sleep, & next day to Ragatz in the Grisons. Here we expected to meet Gen. Loring — But he did not turn up. Leaving Mrs. Gray in good hotel quarters, I made a rapid trip, with the two young ladies, into the Engadine — entering by the Julier, emerging by the Albula Pass. Thence we went on to Lucerne & to Geneva. Here Gen. Loring turned up. I have done a little work at DeCandolle's and have as much more yet to do. — A week ago, Mrs. G. & I left Geneva on a little trip, Loring & the girls had gone before us, & went up to Rhone Glacier & Furka & came down to join us. — We went first day by rail to Sierre, — the next by carriage to Visp & horses to St. Nicolas, — the next by char-a-banc to Zermatt & horses up to the hotel on the Riffel. Stayed there 3 days — making excursions &. Came down day before yesterday Mrs. Gray walking to Zermatt — & at evening on to ~~St. Nicl~~ St. Nicolas to sleep. — Yesterday horses to Visp, carriage to Sierre & rail to here — pretty strong day's work for madame. I felt doubtful if she could get to Zermatt at all, but she was very desirous to try, — and — tho' it has been hard work, it has done her good, for a wonder. So she may next week try a little more — not so hard — in the Bernese Oberland. There, I think we must separate from the rest of our party — they to go down the

Rhine & we direct to Paris. For the Meeting of British Association at Exeter – I have just learned is as early as the 18th August, & it will be as much as I can do to reach it – which, on friends' account, I am desirous to do.

You might, on one alternative, go too, & work afterwards at Kew – But I think you will rather go to England in September – as early as you can – and work at Kew till you sail. We shall be there. We go home about a month later.

The parcel you left with De Candolle is there still. Boissier has been seriously sick, with a pleurisy &c – is at Orbe – or was – If still there I should go to see him. But he has now gone to Gais in Appenzel to a bathing-place, & I shall not see him. Reuter, his curator was away last week – But I shall see him, I presume, to-morrow – Communicate with him, or with DC. – or Boissier himself – (he is now getting stronger again) & arrange to have your things all together sent to Frankfort to meet you there.

I have no news from U.S. out of family. No one writes me except C. Wright & he gives me no general news. Torrey, now that I am so far away writes not at all.

I have just lost my mother — at a good old age. My father died 24 years earlier.

Mrs. G. sends kindest remembrances to Mrs. E. and yourself — sorry that we have not met, and have no chance to do so till September, — which will soon arrive.

It is a charming place here — We are spending the morning lazily — & go on soon to Geneva. The young people have gone on to Chamounix — which we do not care to revisit.

Ever Yours Asa Gray

Address — till further directions — to Care of

Mess. Hottinguer & Co

Paris. our bankers there.

Kindest regards to Prof. Fenzl, with regrets that I shall not see him.

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Rec.d München Aug 7
by mail

Geneva, July 17, 1869

Dear Engelmann

I wrote you from other end of the lake to [illegible] at Vevey, where we passed a night, last week. And I have nothing more to say now, except to send you this letter from Parry — which I have replied to, and which may give you later news of him.

I may also say that the benefit of Mrs. Gray's weighing it up to Zermatt & the Riffel still holds good. Either the air, or something agrees with her.

We will go in 2 days to Bern & Interlaken, — have a few days there, and so for Paris — as I told you in my last. A fortnight there will do my work I say fairly. Or, I may go back there before sailing in November.

Remember me most kindly to good Eichler. If you

See that excellent person
Madame Martius, say that
I hope she received my and
Mrs. Gray's note from Augsburg,
-expressing our profound regret
that through our fault we
lost the opportunity of seeing
her, when we passed through
so rapidly.

I promised Cesati some
Amer. Bot. autographs. Please
put whole or part of Parry's
letter in envelope for him, &
post. Perhaps you may
want to write a line.

My address,
Hottinguer & Co. (Bankers)
Paris – till Aug 12,
or so,

Ever A Gray

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Rec^d Frankf. Aug 15
ans [illegible]

Paris, August 11. 1869

My Dear Engelmann

Well, perhaps, in the hurry-scurry here, I may be able to write a line for you - to reach you in Frankfurt. - tho' we hope to see you soon, I think it is now pretty likely that you will be in England some days before us.

As to lodgings &c at Kew. the best way will be to see what you can do, on running down there.

The opening of the new railway, skirting the village and the ~~Gran~~ Garden, may make a difference and make lodgings plenty. But they were scarce on Kew Green. We had nice quarters with Mrs. Shepherd, near the church, - about half-way between Cambridge House and the Post Office. — But —

1. I do not know if they are vacant now — at this season the chance is not great. —

2. We have written to ask about them, and if to be had Mrs. G. & I would take them for 3 months, if we were alone. But there are more of us than she could, I think, take in — whereas what she could usually let — a parlor and a bed-room over it — would just suit you & Mrs. T. I think. I have written to Mrs Shepherd, to see whether we could either of us get her room. Very likely there are more lodgings enough, only I do not at all know where and what they are.

Very busy here, indeed —
Have done some botanical work,

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As to those open and nameless parcels at *Bossanges*. — I was able to make out that they were sent by me to *M. Passerval* of Mâcon, France, some *years* ago, — The Georgian & Texan plants were some of *his*, which I named for him. I saw *none* of Wright, Cuba, — nothing of much account. I have written to Passerval —

Mrs. G. holds her own pretty well; but — having two young ladies to see to — has too much to do, and I shall be glad when it is over. Her strength has held out wonderfully, considering. Hoping we shall meet at length, I remain — with our kindest regards to Madame C.,

Ever yours

A. Gray

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Rec^d London Aug 24 1869

115. Jermyn St
London, 23^d Aug.

Dear Engelmann

Harris, the attendant at the Herbarium will put you in the way of such lodgings as there are at Kew — small choice. He spoke of Mrs. Granger who has a bed-room & parlor — they are the best, I think.

Mrs. Shephard's rooms are occupied till near middle of Sept. — We have got to do what we can till then & take them, I suppose. We remain here a few days, & I will

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work at Herb. Linn.
(Linnaean Society) &
Hb. Banks &c – (Brit.
Museum). On Saturday
we expect to go down into
the country for several
days.

But I hope I may
find you at Kew to-morrow.

Ev. y.

A. Gray

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Rec'd Berlin Oct 2d
Ans Southampton Oct 11th

Kew, 25 Sept. 1869

My Dear Engelmann

I hope this will reach you in time – at Berlin or Frankfurt.

I sent you Parry's letter to Berlin. Since then the Commissioner's order has arrived

For the microscope, he says not to exceed $100. As he puts the $300 for books in gold – (saying $300 in gold) you could if you like count the $100 as gold – or £20. Parry wants a "Coddington lens". If you take the cheaper microscope & add some high powers, you

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might perhaps get in a "Coddington lens" also for the money.

If you can lay hold of the Microscope take it to NewYork with you.

As to the books on the list sent me, I have secured here, from Hooker's duplicates all the Continental ones excepting

Walpers, Repertorium (32 5/6) 27

" Annales 31.½ (45/6)

6 vols. each, & any of the new issue.

Steudel, Synopsis Glu=

macearum 2. vols.

Pritzel, Iconum Bot. Index — the part 2. — or Suppl. lately published, (not the main volume — which I have got here)

buy

Steudel Nomenclator Botanicus. Ed. 2. (Should be had cheap)

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If you can get these books or any of them — take them with you on board & take to New York — Address parcel to the

Agricultural Department Bureau, Washington. Care of the Collector of the Port. New York,

Send me the bills from Southampton, - mentioning what it amounts to in gold dollars - including all charges, - and I will settle with you.

In haste - Kindest regards to Mrs. E. and George & the Brauns.

Ever

A. Gray

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Recd Southampton Oct 11th 1869
Ans same day

Mr. T. Hill
Shipping Agent
Southampton
near the steamers dock.

Mr. Oliver sends the package to-day, Friday, and notifies Mr. Hill the agent ~~whom~~ he has sent it to, by post.

Mrs. Gray has gone to the North, too soon to get the darning-needles, but will do so when she comes back, and bring them to America

Ask Mrs. Engelmann to let us know again as to the sort wanted, & the quantity.

A. Gray

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Thursday 1/4 to 6 — P.M.

My Dear E.

I drop you this line, to make sure of your having notice, as soon as you reach Southampton where you are to find the package sent by Olivers.

To the same agent you could deliver anything you may possibly have for me or any one at Kew.

I hope you have got my 2 or 3 letters, & the books. At any rate I momently expect a letter from you, — and if I get it I shall write again — probably write again to S. any way. Ever A. Gray

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Kew. 11 Oct, 1869 Recd Philadelphia Octob 30

Dear Engelmann

Yours from Southampton this morning recd., too late to write to you there. Mrs. Hooker sends best thanks!

I thank you heartily, in Parry's name for the trouble taken when time is so scanty. I will remit promptly to Braun to keep your account good: — no fail of that. I shall wait 2 or 3 days to get the bills from Braun. And if not received I will write to him and arrange for the payment in whatever way he desires.

Mrs. G. is back from Scotland: a good deal fagged by the journey — as I feared. Good bye, and may you soon be pleasantly settled in your new house at St. Louis.

Ever Yours

Asa Gray

Rec'd Philada
Oct 30

Kew, 11 Oct. 1869

Dear Engelmann

Yours of last night, the morning received, too late to write to you there. Mrs. Gray sends her thanks. I thank you heartily, — [illegible] for the trouble taken, when time is so scanty. I will send promptly to [illegible], to help you [illegible] good; on part of that. I shall want 2 or 3 days to get the bills from Brown but if not received I will write to them and arrange for the payment in whatever way be desired.

Mrs. G. & I [illegible] [illegible] good [illegible] by the [illegible] as I [illegible]. Good bye, and may you soon be pleasantly settled in your new home at St. Louis.

Ever yours
A. Gray

Rec^d Nov 30^d
An Jan 2

BOTANIC GARDEN,

CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

26. Nov. 1869

My Dear E.

Let the above red-letter date assure you of our arrival home — pretty well, on the average, i.e. I very hearty, wife so-so.

I duly settled account with Braun, i.e. I made remittance thro' Barings. Had no advice of reception when we left Kew.

I think I wrote you that I stopped your Trans. Linn. Society short of the costly volume on Mosses.

Mrs. Gray joins in love to Mrs. E. & kind remembrances to you,

Ever

A Gray

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